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SECOND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed March 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 19, and insert the following amended paragraph therefor. A marked up copy of this paragraph is submitted herewith in Appendix A.

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A cable pulling device that is suitable for use in the present invention is depicted in a side elevational view in Fig. 8 and a cable engaging collet of the cable puller is depicted in Fig. 9. The cable puller 120 is preferably formed with two parallelly disposed hydraulic pistons 510 having outer piston housings 512 that are mounted at their rearward ends 514 to a rear end fixture 516. A forward end fixture 528 is engaged to the forward ends of the outer housings 512. The hydraulic lines 132 are engaged to the end fixture 516 through a suitable coupling 518 such that hydraulic fluid passes through the hydraulic lines 132, through the end fixture 516 and into the two hydraulic pistons 510. Hydraulic push rods 524 project outwardly from the forward end fixture 528 and are fixedly engaged to a front end block 536. A slotted, generally cylindrical nose piece 540 is engaged to the front end block 536. The nose piece 540 is formed with a cable passage slot 544 cut through a side of the nose piece 540, and the outer diameter of the nose

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